

Abstract of the Disclosure:

A method for routing data packets in a network analyzes data packets in the network with a selected network node. The path of the data packets to a destination address is manipulated in accordance with certain requirements.

Information contained in the data packets as well as further information which is available to the network node is used for a routing. The further information can either be called up from a database of the network node or from a plurality of tables, which may be distributed in the network. A transfer node, such as a switching service, which is suitable for the requirements is determined. An apparatus for routing data packets in a network is also provided.

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